

I Am He

Series: I Am

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INTRODUCTION

Today, we are kicking off a brand new sermon series called “I Am”. In this series, we will be going through the “I Am” sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Today, we will be looking at the story of the Samaritan woman at the well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Would you say there's a significant difference between knowing about someone and knowing someone? Think of some examples.
2. Read John 4:1-7. It says in verse 4 that Jesus had to go through Samaria. During this time, Jews hated the Samaritans and went to great measures in order to avoid them. Why did Jesus intentionally go through this region? Why is this so important?
3. Read John 4:8-9. Jesus engaged in a conversation with a Samaritan woman who had come to draw water during the hottest part of the day. What was the significance of Jesus engaging in this dialogue with the woman at the well?
4. Read John 4:10-15. Describe in your own words the conversation that Jesus and the woman were having. What do you think Jesus was trying to accomplish? Do you think it was working? Why or why not?
5. Read John 4:16-24. What did Jesus say that was so shocking? How would you have responded if you were in this woman's shoes? Why do you think Jesus touched on such a personal and sensitive topic?
6. In John 4:25-26, Jesus makes the first of His “I Am” statements, when He says to the woman, “I, who speak to you, I am He.” What was He affirming about Himself in this statement? Why is this so important?

CONCLUSION

There's a huge difference between knowing about someone and knowing someone in a real and personal way. Knowing about someone allows us to keep them at a distance, and it keeps the relationship on a surface level. However, really knowing someone on a personal level demands action and a response.

The question we should ask ourselves as we go through this “I Am” series is, “Do I really know Jesus?” And if so, then how has knowing Him impacted our lives? Based on the way we live our lives, can we say that we really know Him? Reflect on your life and ask yourself this question: “Do I really know Jesus or do I simply know about Him?”

“Jesus declared, “I, who speak to you – AM HE.” – John 4:26